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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants hereby bring to the examiner's attention patents that may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, applicants enclose a completed Form PTO-1449 listing the possibly pertinent patents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the patents are not enclosed herein because copies were provided in a prior application that applicants rely upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Copies of documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 were provided to, or cited by, the examiner of the following patent application, now abandoned:

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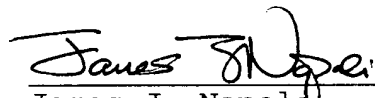
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